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community news *in brief*

Louisville Library First to Host National Traveling Exhibition 'Discover Tech: Engineers Make a World of Difference' Opens July 25



LOUISVILLE, CO – July 25, 2012 – From July 25 through early September, the Library will host *Discover Tech: Engineers Make a World of Difference*, an exciting new interactive exhibit. This free exhibit, on loan from the Boulder-based Space Science Institute,

will make Louisville the first stop on its nine-library national tour. This exciting new traveling exhibition for libraries introduces the role engineers play in our lives. The primary message of the exhibition is that engineers are real people who, through a creative and collaborative design process, arrive at practical, sustainable solutions to better meet human needs and create new technologies to solve problems. Hands-on and multimedia components allow visitors to interact with exhibit content in a dynamic way, encouraging new perspectives on engineers and their vital work. Along with the exhibits, visitors are encouraged to participate in creating a photo display of engineers in our own community.

While the exhibit is here, the Library is offering programs focused on various aspects of engineering including a 'Science Saturdays' series for children and "Robots in Action," a program presented by the Monarch High School Robotics Club. Make sure to check the Library website and Facebook pages for the calendar of events and program details.

"We are very pleased and excited that our library was chosen as a site for this new exhibit focused on the role engineers play in our lives and how critical they are to solving many problems in the world today," said Beth Barrett, Director of Library and Museum Services. "The Discover Tech exhibition will help our patrons to explore global issues affecting our planet, as well as the National Academy of Engineering's 14 *Grand Challenges for Engineering*, critical issues that must be addressed in the 21st century. This is a fascinating exhibit with hands-on activities for everyone, and we hope the whole community will be able to see the exhibit, participate in the programs the library has planned, and recognize the important role of engineers everywhere."

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Discover Tech: Engineers Make a World of Difference, a traveling exhibition for libraries, is part of the STAR Library Education Network (STAR_Net) led by the Space Science Institute's *National Center for Interactive Learning*. Exhibit partners include the Lunar and Planetary Institute, the National Girls Collaborative Project, and the American Library Association. Discover Tech is supported through a grant from the National Science Foundation.